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EDWARD T. DEVINE, General Secretary of Charities Organization Society.

GAMBLING TRUST PLANS FIGHT!

TERRIBLE VOYAGE OF OCEAN LINER.

Overdue Eight Days, the Allan-State Steamship State of Nebraska Arrives in Port.

Decks Swept by Big Seas, Life-Boats Washed Away and Her Bridge Smashed—Engines Broke Down Three Times.

"We gave the vessel up for lost many times," said a passenger of the liner State of Nebraska, which got in to-day eight days late, after a stormy passage from Glasgow—the stormiest, in fact, she has ever experienced.

And the appearance of the Nebraska fully confirmed the stories of the passengers as to the heavy weather experienced and the perils of the passage.

Lifeboats were gone, the bridge badly damaged and the light-houses forward the signals of the night—were destroyed. Heavy seas had battered the liner and great waves had dropped upon her decks, wrecking all that was wreckable, and shaking the vessel from stem to stern as she labored to drive her prow through the mountainous seas.

Thrills during the trying days of the storm and stress had the State of Nebraska broken down and twice the chief engineer, William Middleton, by name, knocked over and valves into working shape again. And perhaps it was due to him and his skill that the good ship got in safely at last to be moored at her pier at West Twenty-first street in time to give her passengers and crew a Christmas dinner ashore.

Six Days of Storm.

The State of Nebraska left Glasgow on Dec. 6. For three days all went well, but on the fifth the bad weather began in earnest. It blew harder and harder from dead ahead until the ship could hardly stem the waves and wind. On the third day of the storm the State of Nebraska logged only forty-seven miles a day, and for six days she made scarcely an average of one hundred miles a day.

The wind blew continually from the southwest, and the liner pounded and pounded into the huge seas, at times almost coming to a standstill and then crawling ahead lamely and making a short distance only to halt again.

During this period over seventy-five green seas rolled over the vessel. The forward lifeboat on the port side was first washed away out of the davits, and soon after the starboard forward boat was also washed away. Then the light-houses were smashed and the green and red side lights had to be rigged on either side of the bridge.

Then the engines broke down. It was on Dec. 11, right in the middle of the ocean, that the first breakdown of the machinery occurred. This was in the middle of the night. The feed pipes gave out. Then it was that the passengers prayed in their fear and the stewards had all they could do to quiet them by assuring them that it was not a great matter and the storm would be weathered after all.

Later on the journals got overheated through the continual and unusual strain upon the machinery. The engines had to be stopped to cool them off and prevent a worse thing happening to them.

The worst part of all, however, was when the main steam pipe burst. Then Chief Engineer Middleton and his men spent five long hours patching it up by service. It was a hard job, made all the harder by the awful rolling and pitching of the vessel. At this time the passengers prayed again, and many thought they never would reach land.

Pirman William Thompson was badly hurt soon after the second breakdown. He was caught by a big sea near the greenlight and dashed against the ship's hull. It was a close call of going overboard. As it was, Thompson had two ribs broken and it was a long time before he recovered consciousness.

A Passenger to Hospital.

One of the saloon passengers, Thomas Brode, by name, became terribly sick. He could not get out of his bunk during the passage, and on the arrival of the liner here he had to be carried ashore and taken at once to a hospital.

The other passengers were received fairly well and glad to get to port.

One of the passengers is Capt. David Ingram, of Vancouver, B. C., who has returned from a trip around the world. He said:

"The bad weather began Dec. 8, when we were three days out from Glasgow. It was not until the third day that we were really taking the place

BABES VICTIMS OF OFFICIAL NEGLIGENCE.

Sent to Contagious Diseases Hospital and Died by Scores.

Another city horror has been unearthed by Charities Commissioner Keller.

Sick babies in the Infants' Hospital on Randall's Island have been killed by scores through official neglect, he says.

Investigation of the most rigid kind has been ordered by Commissioner Keller, in the hope that the responsible persons may be punished and the horror stopped.

The neglect was especially marked during the recent epidemic of measles in the babies' hospital. The little ones, in various stages of fever, were bundled from Randall's Island on cold ferry-boats to bleak North Brother Island, and to other contagious disease wards.

The result was an appalling mortality among the sick babies. Of one transfer of eleven babies not one survived.

Killed by Exposure.

Exposure in transfer is given as the cause of the death of so many of the city's foundlings. More than a hundred infants were affected by the measles epidemic. Of these scores are dead.

Commissioner Keller blames no one yet. He says he has only begun his inquiry and cannot tell where it will lead him.

"The Infants' Hospital," said Mr. Keller, "has been my pet among the

of the Lambertian and Capt. Skirral, the regular commander of the Nebraska, decided to remain home for the holidays. The first officer, Arthur J. Peters, brought the ship out.

"On the third day of the storm we managed to log only 47 miles. The southwest gale blew us back almost as fast as we crept ahead. For six days we made less than 100 sea miles per day. Everybody on board decided that the vessel could not outlive the nasty cross-sea that pounded our sides with sledge-hammer blows.

"The majority of the steerage passengers were so sick that Dr. John H. Ogilvie, the surgeon on board, had to give them his entire attention. They prayed constantly while the storm was at its worst. We all thank our lucky stars that we are here.

Her Saloon Passengers.

Among the first cabin passengers on the State of Nebraska were Mr. and Mrs. John Sine Harris, John Munro, James Whyte, D. D. Campbell, Alexander Cunningham and Capt. Ingram. There were also seven steerage passengers.

The vessel was due to leave on her return trip to Glasgow last Saturday night, but will not sail before Thursday next, and may be not until next Saturday.

"It was a very rough trip," said Capt. A. J. Peters when seen by an Evening World reporter at the dock, "but the worst that happened was the carrying away of two of our lifeboats.

"Tough seas and high gales struck us when two days out and we could only creep along for several days. There was no time at all for danger, and the passengers behaved admirably.

Kept Passengers Below.

"They were tossed about a great deal and obliged to keep below decks most of the time. The seas were highest on the fifth day out, when some big waves swept over us and washed two of the lifeboats overboard.

"It was hard work to keep the ship's head up to the gale that day, and perhaps we are lucky to have no worse a loss than that of the boats.

HOBSON'S QUIET XMAS.

Merrimec Hero Isolated at the Hospital, but He Gets Flowers.

Lieut. Hobson, of Merrimec fame, spent an isolated Christmas. He was allowed to receive neither visitors nor presents to-day, though his condition is somewhat improved.

Several bouquets were received for him at the Presbyterian Hospital. These were no names attached to them, other than of his friends, which were arranged about his bed.

Stop that Cough and Work off the Cold.

Locative Brown-Quinton Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure. No pay. Price 25 cents.



Cheer up, old man, Santa Claus Platt will bring you one—if no one else does.

PRINCE CHING GETS THE CHINESE NOTE.

Li Hung Chang Too Ill to Receive Ultimatum of the Powers.

PEKING, Dec. 25.—The preliminary joint note was delivered yesterday to the Chinese. Li Hung Chang found that he was unable to attend the meeting of the Ministers, and his credentials and those of Prince Ching were presented by the latter to the foreign envoys.

Prince Ching, replying to the Spanish Minister, Enor B. J. de Coloman, who presented the note, said he would immediately communicate its contents to the Emperor, and assured the Ministers that

a speedy reply was the desire of the court, as it felt that all China wanted peace and prosperity.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Peking, says: "The Ministers assembled at the residence of Enor B. J. de Coloman (the Spanish Minister and the Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps) and received Prince Ching, to whom the Spanish Minister handed the joint note of the Powers. Li Hung Chang, who is still ill, asked to be excused.

A GIRL'S BACK BROKEN BY FAST AUTOMOBILE.

Rose McCue, twenty-five years old, of 63 West Fifty-sixth street, was struck by a rapidly driven automobile this afternoon while she was attempting to cross Broadway at Forty-fifth street and perhaps fatally injured. Her spine was broken and she also received internal injuries.

The automobile was driven by Joseph Cavanaugh, of 125 West Forty-ninth street, who was arrested and locked up in the West Forty-seventh street police station.

DENIES THEFTS IN BELLEVUE.

The statement that small articles of jewelry, linen and money are frequently stolen from the patients of Bellevue Hospital by the nurses on duty there was to-day emphatically denied by Supt. O'Rourke. He declared that no such condition of affairs existed.

FORGED FATHER DOUGHERTY'S NAME.

Rev. Father James J. Dougherty, of the Mission of the Immaculate Conception, has asked the police to apprehend a young man who has made a practice of collecting money since last June by means of forged letters purporting to come from Father Dougherty. It has been the habit of this man, who gives the name of Francis A. Doyle, to represent himself as a collector for the Irish Nationalist papers.

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Tom Gilmore 1, Bert Davis 2, Brown Vail 3.
 SECOND RACE—Senator Beveridge 1, Isobel 2, Gallop 3.
 THIRD RACE—Isen 1, Donatien 2, Terry Ranger 3.

DEVERY BELIVES NIXON IS HIS FOE.

Chief of Police Devery hinted, in an interview this afternoon, that Chairman Nixon, of Tammany's Vice Committee, is moved by personal malice in his crusade against him.

He was asked by an Evening World reporter: "Is there any personal feeling between Mr. Nixon and yourself?"

"I will not go into that question," he replied. "I don't desire to criticize anybody."

The Chief arrived at Police Headquarters this afternoon and merrily exchanged Christmas greetings with all whom he met.

"I came down to-day because other policemen have to work and so should I," he said. "I won't say anything about the statement of Mr. Nixon that I could close every dive in twenty-four hours. I don't want to pass any criticism. I am simply doing my duty as I see it."

"Have you resigned?" he was asked.

"Stop right there. That will do," he answered.

Meeting of Pool-Room Chief and Green Table Men Called to Head Off Tammany Vice Hunters and Philbin.

The "Gambling Trust" of this city is thoroughly alarmed, and a meeting of the big gamblers and pool-room men is to be held tonight to plan means of defense.

The trust is composed of the half-dozen or more gamblers who control the gambling dens and the pool-rooms. These see their sources of revenue threatened by the new District-Attorney's activity and the Tammany Committee of Five.

They will discuss to-night how to head off Mr. Philbin and how to stop the Tammany committee's scheme to remove the odium of being "the gamblers' friend" from Tammany Hall.

Whether Chief Devery is to be forced to quit his office or whether the pool-rooms and gamblers shall close down for a time are phases of the same question.

Tammany's attack on the Gambling Trust has given it a shock. If police protection is to be secured steps must be taken at once to save the protectors themselves from the assaults of the vice-hunters.

"I have found," said Chairman Nixon, "that the Chief of Police could close every gambling house or pool-room in a few hours."

"I will not resign," said Chief Devery to an Evening World reporter to-day.

A policy will be laid out by the Gambling Trust at the meeting to-night which will prove the truth or falsity of Chief Devery's position before many days are over.

"CLOSE UP THE DIVES OR YOU GO TO PRISON."

Chairman Nixon's Ultimatum to the Chief and Police Captains.

Unless the gambling and disorderly houses and other unlawful resorts in New York are closed at once the Tammany Vice Committee to-day declared that the Grand Jury would be asked to indict every one responsible for their existence. Chief Devery, and Capt. Thomas, of the Elizabeth street station; of MacDougal street; Diamond, of the East Fifth street, and Acting Captain McDermott, of Eldridge street, all districts where vice still exists, will likely be the indicted officials.

President York says the Commissioners are not responsible.

"Mr. Nixon has not once consulted with us," said Mr. York to a reporter. "The indictment is a threat. He has taken up this matter with the Chief of Police. He is the man that is responsible."

Political Pull Tactics.

Chairman Nixon says there is to be no nonsense and no delay. The places must go, and go at once. No political pull will save a single lawbreaker.

"We will ask for the indictment of every one responsible for the existence of these places," said Mr. Nixon. "I have already called the attention of the police to them. We understand they are in earnest, and it is well for the lawbreakers to understand this now."

If these places are not closed quickly, we will ask for the indictment of the police officials whose duty it is to see that crime is not permitted to exist. Not alone will the Chief of Police be indicted, but every Inspector and Captain against whom we have evidence of not performing his duty.

Philbin's Opportunity.

When the new District-Attorney, Philbin, takes office he will be furnished with an immediate opportunity to make good his promise that he will help to rid the city of vice. Both the Tammany Committee and the Committee of Fifteen say they will lay before him what evidence has been collected during the past few weeks against the lawbreakers, and Mr. Philbin will have an opportunity to go all out before the Grand Jury on a list for indictment. "We are satisfied," said a member of the Committee of Fifteen to-day, "that the Grand Jury is now our only hope."

WOMAN DIED DURING MASS. XMAS IN A POLICE COURT.

Go Home and Do Better. Said Magistrate Zeller to the 10 cases.

Magistrate Zeller walked into Jefferson Market Court to-day his face wreathed in smiles, and he had a pleasant word and a "Merry Christmas" for every one.

"Poor, unfortunate people," he said, looking at the "cases." "It is a very sad Christmas for some of them. I must be merciful to-day, and he was the Judge, after a few kindly words of reproof and admonition, dismissed them, not to be brought again, dismissed them with the words: "Go home and make a happy Christmas for your family."

"Go and try to do better in future and try to lead a better life."

ALVORD'S XMAS DINNER.

He and Embusser Vexily Received No Visitors.

Christmas Day was passed quietly in Ludlow Street Jail. Religious services were held at 10 A. M. by the Rev. Dr. Carroll. At noon Warden Proctor served a good dinner which was heartily enjoyed.

Captain J. Alvord, the \$50,000 gambler, and Charles T. Neely, the postal embezzler, wrote several letters to their friends. No visitors were admitted.

Aged Widow Stricken Dead at Christmas Service.

Mrs. Barbara Kunk, seventy-seven years old, a widow, residing at 336-12 Fifth avenue, Newark, N. J., dropped dead to-day during mass at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mrs. Kunk appeared to be well when she entered the church, but she was suddenly stricken and fell. When the other worshippers went to the altar, she lay on the floor. There was quite a commotion in the church for a short time, but the officiating priest soon calmed the congregation.

Heart failure was the cause of the woman's death. Her body was taken to St. John's Morgue.